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1. ON AUGUST 12 AMBASSADOR ARAUJO CASTRO CALLED ON DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ TO CONFIRM STATEMENTS MADE BY
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FOREIGN MINISTRY RE GOB POLICY ON NEW COFFEE AGREEMENT IN

RESPONSE TO PRESENTATION OF US POSITION LAST WEEK BY EMBOFFS. AMBASSADOR STATED THAT GOB HAS NO INTEREST IN TAKING SHORT TERM ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT COFFEE SITUATION BY MANIPULATING THE MARKET OR ENTERING INTO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER PRODUCING COUNTRIES. IN THIS REGARD HE NOTED THAT GOB HAD NO INTENTION OF REQUESTING A MEETING OF COFFEE PRODUCING STATES OR ESTABLISHING EXPORT QUOTAS FOR COFFEE. HE POINTED OUT THAT REPS FROM BOTH CONSUMING AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAD BEEN INVITED TO SURVEY DAMAGE CAUSED BY RECENT FROST. TURNING TO QUESTION OF NEW COFFEE AGREEMENT, AMBASSADOR SAID THAT DESPITE FROST AND PROSPECT THAT NEGOTIATIONS AMONG PRODUCERS ON MARKET SHARES WILL NOW BE MORE DIFFICULT, GOB WANTS NEGOTIATIONS TO RECONVENE IN OCTOBER AS SCHEDULED.

2. MR. KATZ REITERATED US SUPPORT FOR FLEXIBLE, MARKET-ORIENTED ICA AND AGREED THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD GO FORWARD

AS PLANNED. MOREOVER HE FELT THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON NEW ICA DURING FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATING SESSION. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUERY, MR. KATZ EXPRESSED GUARDED OPTIMISM THAT CONGRESS WOULD APPROVE A NEW ICA. KISSINGER

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